## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroki SATO et al.

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INOCULATING AGENT, SPAWNED INSECT AND METHOD OF PRODUCING FRUIT BODIES OF ENTOMOPATHOGENIC FUNGI [Corresponding to PCT/JP99/05317 Filed September 29, 1999] THE COMMISSIONER AS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 7/and 8 as follows:

7. (Amended) A method of producing fruit bodies of an entomopathogenic fungus according to claim 5, wherein said insect is in a form of a pupa.

8. (Amended) A method of producing fruit bodies of an entomopathogenic fungus according to claim 5, wherein said entomopathogenic fungus is a fungus belonging to the genus *Cordyceps*.